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<b>Interview Summary</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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Date of Interview: 19 May 2004.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference  
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.  
If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 3-5.

Identification of prior art discussed: Boesch et al. (US 5,721,528), Eckelt (US 5,206,643), and Okawa et al. (US 5,591,906).

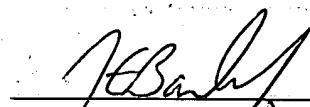
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: It was agreed that the combination of the cited references does not teach the summing of travel distances as claimed in claim 4. Therefore an amendment to the claims will be made wherein a revised independent claim will include all the limitations of claims 1, 3, and 4 in order to overcome the prior art rejection.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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